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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 9 to 17 April 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS Paragraphs 2 and 3 were previously reported in

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CB - converted boxcars, B - boxcar, F - flatcar

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1. According to railroad records, a troop train of 20 CB, 23 B and 68 F was loaded at Dellgow-Doebritz on 9 April 1953.
2. The following troop trains were listed in railroad records between 14 and 17 April:

| Date in April | Composition of Troop Trains | From | To | Shipment Record Number |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 14 | 18 B, 26 F | Brandenburg-Altstadt | Altengrabow | 25X1 |
| | 16 B, 18 F | Brandenburg-Altstadt | Altengrabow | |
| | 18 B, 25 F | Brandenburg-Altstadt | Altengrabow | |
| 15 | 21 B, 27 F | Brandenburg-Altstadt | Altengrabow | |
| | 16 B, 28 F | Brandenburg-Altstadt | Altengrabow | |
| | 13 B, 34 F | Brandenburg-Altstadt | Altengrabow | |
| | 15 B, 26 F | Brandenburg-Altstadt | Altengrabow | |
| | 6 B, 15 F | Brandenburg-Altstadt | Hillersleben | |

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| 16 | 6 B, 20 F | Brandenburg- Altstadt | Hillersleben |
| | 18 B, 37 F | Brandenburg- Altstadt | Hillersleben |
| | 12 B, 45 F | Brandenburg- Altstadt | Hillersleben |
| | 12 B, 25 F | Wildpark | Altengrabow |
| | 27 B, 26 F | Potsdam | Altengrabow |
| | 19 B, 32 F | Potsdam | Altengrabow |
| | 22 B, 27 F | Potsdam | Altengrabow |
| | 28 B, 26 F | Wildpark | Altengrabow |
| | 11 B, 25 F | Wildpark | Altengrabow |
| 17 | 18 B, 31 F | Brandenburg- Altstadt | Wolmirstedt |
| | 16 B, 30 F | Brandenburg- Altstadt | Wolmirstedt |
| | 14 B, 34 F | Wildpark | Altengrabow |
| | 12 B, 25 F | Potsdam | Altengrabow |

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3. From 12:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on 16 April, only troop trains were allowed to operate on the Frankfurt/Oder railroad line. The shipments involved were directed to the Beeskow-Cottbus area. Civil traffic had to be directed to Cottbus via Guben. On 17 April, other troop trains were dispatched to Beeskow, Cottbus and Jueterbog. Military trains were also seen proceeding from the direction from Frankfurt/Oder-
border.

25X1A. Comment. On 9 April 1953, elements of the 2nd Light Arty Brig went from Doeberitz to Neustrelitz. As the number of cars reported in the present report is too high for a single troop train,

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25X1A. Comment. The rail movements to Altengrabow were previously reported by other sources. They included 7 troop trains carrying the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) from Brandenburg; and 8 troop trains with components of the 34th Arty Div (US) from Potsdam and Wildpark. The troop trains from Brandenburg to Hillersleben and Wolmirstedt probably carried components of the 10th Gds Tank Div. In 1952, the rail movements from Brandenburg on 14, 15 and 16 April included five troop trains.

25X1A3. Comment. It is believed that the blocking of the railroad line mentioned and the troop trains from Frankfurt/Oder to a southerly direction were connected with the movement of the 7th Gds Mecz Div to Lieberose. It is not yet clear whether Soviet units also moved to Cottbus and Jueterbog. It is doubted whether new Soviet troops arrived from the U.S.S.R., although a large number of flatcars was dispatched to Brest Litovsk during the last weeks indicating that these cars could have been used for the transportation of troops from Brest Litovsk

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